

Table 8-1: Medications for Oral Conditions

Condition	Problem	Medication	Dosage
Caries	“Dry mouth”	Sugar-free lemon drops or artificial saliva	
	Abscess	Penicillin VK	500mg q6H for 28 doses
Oral candidiasis	Oral infection	Clotrimazole troches	Slowly allow to dissolve in mouth, one q4H while awake, for 14 days
		Fluconazole 100mg	1 tablet/day for 14 days
	Angular cheilitis	Clotrimazole 1% cream	Apply two to three times/day until condition clears
Recurrent aphthous stomatitis	Minor lesion	Fluocinonide (Lidex Cream) or Triamcinolone acetonide (Kenalog in Orabase)	Apply to lesion four times a day until condition clears
	Major lesion	Same medication as above; if no effect, consider systemic prednisone, tapering doses	
Recurrent herpes simplex	Prodromal stage	Acyclovir ointment	Apply q3H for 7 days
	Lesion present	Acyclovir 200mg	1q4H while awake for 10 days
Periodontal disease	Linear erythematous gingivitis	Chlorhexidine gluconate rinse	Rinse with 1/2 oz, bid for 2 weeks
	Necrotizing ulcerative periodontitis	Chlorhexidine rinses and either metronidazole or Augmentin ¹	Both 250 mg, q6H for metronidazole, q8H for Augmentin, for 7 days

¹ Amoxicillin/clavulanate potassium